

**REMARKS**

This paper is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated January 23, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on April 23, 2006.

Claims 1 - 32 are currently pending in the Application.

**I. Double Patenting Rejection**

The Office Action rejected Claims 1,3, 4, 7 and 10 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claim 1-3 and 8 of co-owned US Patent Number 6,729,804, alone or in view of *Ingle* (US Patent Number 5,139,367).

Applicant hereby submits a terminal disclaimer to overcome the double patenting obviousness-type rejection. The terminal disclaimer with the associated fcc is included as Attachment A. Reconsideration of the rejection in view of the remarks is respectfully requested.

**II. Allowable Subject Matter**

Per the Office Action, Claims 13-26 were indicated to be allowed. Claims 2, 5, 6, 8, 9, and 11 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Applicant believes that filing of the Terminal Disclaimer noted above obviates the rejection of the base claim, and, therefore, Claims 2, 5, 6, 8, 9, and 11 are now in a condition for allowance.

Applicants appreciates the Examiner's time and attention to this matter. Applicants believes no new matter has been added with any amendments that have been made. Applicants believes claims as now provided are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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